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SUBJECT: NAMIBIAN SETTLEMENT

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1. EMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM WELCOMES DECISION HAVE ANOTHER TRY AT NAMIBIA CONFERENCE. JUDGING FROM OUR EXPERIENCE HERE WITH SAM NUJOMA DURING YOUNG VISIT AND TAKING INTO ACCOUNT NYERERE'S CURRENT SYMPATHY FOR US EFFORTS ON SOUTHERN AFRICA, TIME IS AS GOOD AS IT EVER LIKELY TO BE.

2. WHILE I THINK I PRETTY WELL KNOW THE SUBSTANCE OF THE SEVEN POINT PROPOSAL, I HAVE NEVER HAD AN ACTUAL COPY. ANY THOUGHTS I MIGHT HAVE ON REFINING OUR CONTEMPLATED REAPPROACH (PARA 6 REFTTEL) WOULD PROBABLY BE IMPROVED IF I COULD NOW HAVE THE EXACT POINTS.

3. OFF HAND, I AM INCLINED TO THINK THAT THE PRINCIPAL STICKING POINT FOR NUJOMA AND THE FRONT LINE PRESIDENTS WOULD BE THE APPARENT PEER (WITH SWAPO) POSITION GIVEN TO THE TURNHALLE PEOPLE AT THE ALL-NAMIBIAN PORTION OF THE CONFERENCE. THIS, HOWEVER, MIGHT WELL BE SUSCEPTIBLE TO NEGOTIATION THROUGH THE FRONT LINE PRESIDENTS. I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE BETTER TO SEEK TO GET THE FRONT LINE PRESIDENTS TO WORK ON THIS AND ANY SIMILAR

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POINTS WITH SWAPO THAN FOR US TO TRY TO DO SO DIRECTLY.

4. AS IS WELL KNOWN, NYERERE HAS ALWAYS SEEN PRIORITY ROLE FOR THE US ON SOUTHERN AFRICAN PROBLEM AS THAT OF LEADERSHIP ON NAMIBIAN SOLUTION. AS INDICATED PARA ONE ABOVE, I BELIEVE TIME IS NOW RIPE FOR SUCH A MOVE. IF WE MAKE IT, WE MAY FIND NYERERE INCLINED TO BE MORE FLEXIBLE ON ZIMBABWE AND OTHER

SOUTHERN AFRICAN PROBLEMS ALSO.

5. FOR ADDITIONAL ASPECT SUCH AN APPROACH, PLEASE SEE DAR 0806.
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